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AT A GLANCE

New chapel hours

July 11, the 8 and 11:15 a.m. Protestant services will combine into a single service. Catholic service will move forward 30 minutes. For more information, call 643-6021.

New chapel schedule:

9:30 a.m. - Catholic worship
Protestant Sunday School beginning September

11 a.m. - Protestant worship
Catholic religious education beginning September

Medical Group Closure

The 77th Medical Group will close at 1 p.m. July 9 for an official function. Only limited services with minimum staff will be available after 1 p.m. Normal clinic hours will resume July 12. If you have further questions, contact Col. Edward Torres at 643-8021 or Lt. Col. Gloria Twilley at 643-8520.

Blood Drive

The McClellan Air Force Base Blood Drive is Thursday, July 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Join your fellow blue bloods at the Community Center and bring a photo ID. Make sure to eat and drink fluids before you donate. There will also be popcorn, hot dogs and movies. For more information, call Capt. Jim Thomas at 643-4231 ext. 529.

Commissary Closed

The McClellan Air Force Base Commissary will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day. It will be reopen on July 5.

Hail and farewell

The next McClellan hail and farewell is scheduled for tomorrow at 3 p.m. at the community center. This is a mandatory formation for all Air Force officers assigned to McClellan. Commanders and Directors who need podium time should contact Capt. Lorena Bailey at 643-0077 to be added to the agenda.

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McClellan leads development of new secure comm. technology

2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman
SM-ALC Public Affairs

It looks like an ordinary personal computer, but in fact it's the newest tool in the 15th Air Force's communication system – and it saved the Air Force millions of dollars. It's known as the Strategic Automated Command and Control System Desktop Terminal, or SDT, and it will soon give 15th Air Force a user-friendly and cost-effective system for transmitting secure messages to its reserve and guard wings and organizations.

The system the new desktop terminals are plugging into – SACCS – is a secure military network used for command and control of our nation's strategic military forces.

"In terms of capability, it works as well as the old SACCS equipment. However, in terms of cost and ease of use, the SDT is way ahead," said Major Dave Miller, SACCS System Program Director at the Sacramento Air Logistics Center.

15th Air Force is in the process of installing 29 SDTs at Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard tanker refueling wings. Six of the systems have already been brought on-line and the remaining 23 should be completed by September. Until this desktop terminal was developed, these sites had to rely on a variety of means for secure communications with headquarters. Each wing and organization had its own system and the process tended to be slow.

"We were working to bring them all on SACCS and in the process developed the SDT. This has afforded the Air Force a large cost saving. Rather than simply installing the old computers, we will have installed all 29 of the new systems for less than the cost of installing one of the old SACCS computers," Miller said. "That means each of the SDTs can be up and running for about percent of the cost. That's better than percent savings." One of the old systems cost about \$500,000 to install.

Miller estimates the 29 new systems will be installed for less than \$400,000.

Not only is the new SDT much less expensive than prior SACCS equipment, it's easier to maintain. The equipment involved in the old system is so complicated and cumbersome it requires full-time technicians to keep it running. The SDTs, however, are no more complicated to keep on-line than an average PC.

"We expect this system to work as smoothly and as simply as any other communication squadron-supported computer on base. In fact, the computer manufacturer provides a five-year warranty so if it breaks, they'll fix it for free," Miller added. "It's essentially a PC connected to the SACCS network through a widely available encryption device."

Beyond cost-savings and easing maintenance

concerns, the new SDT system is user-friendly. "We designed this system to run on a commercial, off-the-shelf operating system, using ordinary word processing software to compose messages," said Miller. "This makes it very simple to draft and send secure messages either to or from operational wings."

With the support of 15th Air Force commander, Lt. Gen. John Sams, Miller and his team developed this system very quickly. "We had a great deal of support from General Sams and that helped us go from the drawing board to implementation in less than a year," said Miller. "The General told us he needed an affordable SACCS-type of capability for his forces and he wanted it done quickly. This is what we came up with."

The project began in early 1998 as engineers from ITT Aerospace Communications Division, a commercial engineering company, and various Air Force organizations began to research ways to improve SACCS. The team quickly realized the PC concept could be used in the field much more cheaply than the original computers.

SEE SECURE ON PAGE 2



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman
Buster Hicks, one of the project team members from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., demonstrates the SDT to Lt. Gen. John Sams, 15th Air Force commander at Travis Air Force Base,

Team McClellan continues to help those in need

Brigadier General Michael P. Wiedemer, Sacramento Air Logistics Center commander signs a \$5,010.87 check for the Tinker relief fund as Tech. Sgt. David Lee, Aaron Tolliver and Major Mark Johnson look on. The money has been forwarded to Tinker Air Force base to aid in rebuilding parts of the base and the surrounding community that sustained damage from tornadoes. The General extends his thanks to the various organizations, McClellan's Top Three, Chief's Group, 77th Support Group, Company Grade Officer's Council, LHE, LHJ and AAI ACL



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Williams

Technologies Incorporated, and individuals that contributed to this successful campaign, as well as many individuals. The Tinker Community Fund was opened May 6 and will continue to take donations at SAFE or by contacting Aaron Tolliver at 643-1106.

DeCA now accepts American Express cards

FORT LEE, Va. — The Defense Commissary Agency has announced American Express will be accepted by the McClellan Air Force Base Commissary and most other commissaries around the world. This is in addition to Visa, Discover, Master Card and a wide range of debit cards already accepted.

The Defense Commissary Agency, which runs 293 military grocery stores worldwide, is pleased by the addition of American Express to the list of credit cards accepted. Although stores have been taking the other cards for some time now, American Express and the U.S. Treasury have been in long-term discussions about fees. Credit cards save the Treasury money by providing immediate cash flow. But fees charged by the card companies can eat up those savings.

“Quite simply,” says Greg Kochuba, DeCA’s Credit Card project manager, “the Treasury Department would not approve the use of American Express because of the company’s high fees,” he said. “Now that they’ve agreed with Treasury to lower their fees, we can take just about anything but Diner’s Club in the commissaries.”

Kochuba says the commissaries are selling groceries purchased with credit/debit cards at the rate of 1.1 million transactions per month. That translates to about \$75 million per month in sales. About 20 percent of DeCA’s sales are now credit/debit, he says, and that figure is likely to increase with American Express coming online.

The installation of DeCA’s new cash registers, which feature rapid scanning and credit/debit, has been an ongoing project for the last two years. In

most cases, the only commissaries that don’t have the new system are stores on installations scheduled for closure, or stores that are being upgraded extensively or replaced with new construction.

Reminder for government credit card holders

It’s important for military members and federal employees to know the rules regarding the use of government credit cards for commissary transactions. Only purchases made while the cardholder is traveling on official business, whether on temporary duty or other official travel, are authorized. For more information, call 643-4141.

SECURE

FROM PAGE 1

“We had a great team. The 55th Computer System Squadron from Offutt Air Force Base which is the group responsible for maintaining SACCS; representatives from the Air Force Space Command which is the lead command for SACCS; the 625th Missile Operations Flight who use SACCS; and ITT engineers who are contracted by the Sacramento Air Logistics Center all got together to work on the problem,” Miller explained. “Together we made a great deal of progress in a remarkably short amount of time.”

15th Air Force will not be the only beneficiary of this effort. Air Combat Command and other Air Mobility Command components are looking at ways to incorporate this technology as well.

General Sams commented on the new system at its dedication ceremony at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., last week. “This is a vast improvement over what we had before. This is exactly the communication system we needed and I call this a lifeline.”

“I’m really pleased with how this turned out. The project was coordinated through the Sacramento Air Logistics Center and it has been a great success. We can all be proud that even though we’re closing, Team McClellan can still be this successful on an Air Force-wide level. It’s a real tribute to the men and women here,” Miller concluded.



Col. Charlie Cotter
77th Air Base Wing commander

Hi, I am Col. Charlie Cotter and I am thrilled to have the honor of assuming command of the 77th ABW from Col. W.P. “Bear” Ard. I value the opportunity to serve you, members of the McClellan community. The Action Line is your direct link to focus my attention on something you feel I should know. It may be used to highlight an area where you have received exceptional service. The Action Line is also your means to tell me about a challenge or issue that you have not been able

to resolve. Certainly, it is best to first try to resolve the issue with the responsible agency, since ultimately that is where the issue will get fixed. Another means to address a problem is through your chain of command. But, if neither of these approaches resolves the issue to your satisfaction, let me know in your Action Line call what the challenge is and how you think it could be resolved to your satisfaction. I look forward to serving all members of the McClellan community.

Action Line

643-3344

Action Line
77 ABW/CC
5241 Arnold Ave.
McClellan AFB, CA 95652-1086

Actionline@email.mcclellan.af.mil

Base Phone Numbers

AAFES.....	920-0537
Civilian Pay.....	643-6725
Civil Engineering.....	643-5624
Civilian Personnel.....	643-2860
Commissary.....	643-4954
Crime Stop Hotline.....	643-6161
Dining Hall.....	643-5092
Family Support.....	643-1106
Focus Center #1.....	643-5661
Fraud, Waste & Abuse.....	643-6000
Housing.....	643-6221
Legal.....	643-3150
Lodging.....	643-6223
Medical.....	643-8400
Appointments.....	643-7212
After Hours.....	242-6788
TRICARE Service Center.....	(800) 242-6788
Military Pay.....	643-6965
Military Personnel.....	643-1094
Public Affairs.....	643-6127
Retiree Activities.....	643-2207
Security Forces.....	643-6160
Services.....	643-6660
Social Actions.....	643-3322
Supply.....	643-5213
Uniform Questions.....	643-4051

Your Say

What are your summer vacation plans?

“I’m going to PCS to Korea.”

“I’m going to my kids’ in Oregon.”

“I don’t have anything yet.”

“I’m going to Virginia for a family reunion.”

Tech. Sgt. Robert Mundis
LGTV 77th Air Base Wing

Evangeline Canlas
Service Station Cashier

Senior Airman Sotero Salvador
938th Engineering Installation Squadron

Mythais Wiggins
Commissary employee

Air Force Vision

"Air Force people building the world's most respected air and space force ... global power and reach for America"

Air Force Materiel Command Vision
"Quality Systems for America's Air Force"

Sacramento Air Logistics Center Vision
"Completing the mission of McClellan AFB with professionalism and honor"

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GAO report supports public-private competition

Last fall, a team from the General Accounting Office visited McClellan AFB to evaluate the processes used to award the depot maintenance contract for the Sacramento ALC. Their purpose was to respond to a Congressional mandate to review the manner in which the Air Force selected the source of repair for depot maintenance work at our closing base. We recently received the GAO report dated May 1999, and I thought you might be interested in a summary of the findings.

The team reviewed specifically whether the (1) Air Force procedures for conducting the competition provided substantially equal opportunity for the public and private offerors to compete for the work without regard to performance location, (2) procedures were in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, (3) appropriate con-



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From Your Inspector General

Col. Michael F. Turner
Inspector General

sideration was given to factors other than cost, and (4) award resulted in the lowest cost to the DoD. The winning offeror was Ogden ALC teamed with Boeing Aerospace Corporation. The GAO found that the source selection process used to make this selection, successfully met all four of the conditions they reviewed. Many individu-

als at McClellan can be credited for their many contributions which made the competition selection process work the way it was supposed to.

The GAO's findings that the processes were reasonable, in accordance with the law, and provided the lowest cost, reflect the great team effort that went into the public-private competition process. The General Accounting Office is not afraid to point out discrepancies or problems in their reports, so this was an exceptional report on what happened here at Sacramento and in the Air Force in relation to the competition. The GAO made some recommendations for analyzing costs in future competitions, but overall this was a sterling effort for this center—just another fine example of closing the base with professionalism and honor.

EAF-type operations surge in Kosovo

Maj. Gen. Donald Cook

Director for EAF implementation

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Since the end of the Gulf War, the National Command Authority has repeatedly used aerospace power as a key tool in executing its national security strategy of global engagement. While effective in meeting objectives, there's been a price for Air Force people in terms of a high personnel tempo and repeated tours away from loved ones.

Thousands of Air Force professionals have performed day-to-day, steady-state taskings in operations like Northern Watch and Southern Watch. Now, in Kosovo, thousands more are performing expeditionary operations at a new level: surge operations.

Since the Air Force leadership announced we were moving to stand up the Expeditionary Aerospace Force Jan. 1, the air staff and the major commands have worked diligently to bring the EAF concept to reality.

However, operations in Kosovo have required the Air Force to surge beyond normal day-to-day, steady-state levels. We are clearly at force levels that exceed the op-



Official U.S. Air Force photo

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erational percentages of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Vietnam.

Does that mean the EAF concept is dead? Clearly not! Just as we have met our day-to-day, steady-state requirements, the Air Force is currently conducting expeditionary operations at more than 55 locations around the world.

So, what does this mean for implementing the Aerospace Expeditionary Force schedule by 2000? It is clear current operations in Kosovo have affected the availability of

many units to transition into the AEF schedule that was to begin in October. It is also clear that surge operations in Kosovo, combined with force drawdowns and budget reductions, have affected how well the overall force has been sustained.

As we transition from surge operations back to a steady-state AEF schedule, the Air Force will first have to go through a reconstitution process for the first time in its history. Reconstitution means restoring our equipment and people to de-

sired readiness levels and conditions. It will take several months and more money to reconstitute the force, depending on how much and how long a unit has been deployed. Air Force leaders recognize the importance of our mission in Kosovo and elsewhere, but equally understand the burden on our people and the tools of their profession.

As such, a massive effort is under way at the Air Staff and major commands to determine the best way to restore our capabilities-based expeditionary force back to a steady-state using two AEFs. We are also examining the best way to move into the AEF schedule.

As our people continue to operate in harm's way on several fronts and the unsung maintainers, security forces, civil engineers and other combat supporters ensure our collective success with their untiring effort, it is important to recognize we are the EAF, right here and now.

Reconstitution planning is well under way, and groundwork is being laid to transition to the more predictable and stable AEF rotation schedule after a period to rest and reconstitute the force.

We'll report to you, the total force, on our revised EAF stand-up schedule as soon as we have the answer.

VSIP/VERA deadline, June 30

Employees who wish to apply for the Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay and/or Voluntary Early Retirement Authority must turn in their applications to the Civilian Personnel Office in Bldg. 10 by 4 p.m. June 30.

Applications and information packets are available at the Customer Service counter in Bldg. 10 and at the FOCUS Centers in Bldg. 9 and Bldg. 241.

Employees eligible for retirement are not eligible to receive severance pay. Serious consideration should be given to applying for VSIP in order to receive the benefit of incentive pay should a separation notice be received.

Also, employees currently in receipt of a separation notice should apply in the event of a cancellation of their separation notice between now and Sept. 29 which would make them eligible for VSIP.

For more information call Cynthia Ice at 643-5940.

CPO hot line renamed

The Civilian Personnel Hot Line has been renamed the Personnel, Closure and Transition Hot Line.

Military and civilian employees are encouraged to use the hot line if they have been unable to get an answer to questions about a personnel, closure, transition issue or are unsure about who to ask.

Questions will be staffed and an-

swered within 7 days unless it takes extensive research. It's very important employees get the necessary information to make the "life" decisions they currently face. Employees must leave their name, phone number and organizational symbol in order to receive a timely response.

No question will go unanswered. The telephone hot line number is:

643-0989



WASP

Women Airforce

Blazing new trails, m

Senior Airman Jennifer Vargas
Staff Writer

As a young girl, Meredith Campbell had an insatiable urge to fly airplanes. When she caught word of the Women Airforce Service Pilots, she gave up her job as an elementary school teacher and left for training at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas.

The way she describes it, you'd think it happened only yesterday, but it's been nearly 53 years since the 81-year-old climbed into the cockpit of her PT-19 and headed for the wild blue yonder.

The WASPs were the first women to fly military aircraft, and they were the only women's service to face the same dangers as the men with stateside assignments.

"It was tough for us girls," Campbell explained. "The male pilots didn't like the fact that we were pilots as good as they were."

When the WASP corps was established in 1942 by Jacqueline Cochran, more than 25,000 women volunteered for the rigorous Army Air Force flight training program. Only one thousand received their wings.

While training for her wings, Campbell recalls

one of the most trying times of her flying career.

"I fell out of the plane while I was in an inverted spin," said Meredith Campbell, a WASP pilot. "My safety belt was fastened, but when I put the throttle forward it caught my jacket sleeve and opened up the harness for the belt and I was out with the chute," the soft-spoken women explained. "A Texas ground wind came up and I wasn't able to close the [parachute] canopy in time and I couldn't get out of the left leg harness. I was dragged across a section of land for about a half a mile. It did quite a bit of damage, and when I moved on to advanced training, I was washed out. I went out with a broken heart and that hurt worse than a pulled kidney, sprained back and twisted intestines," she explained during a reunion luncheon for WASPs last week at club McClellan.

Soon after her accident, Campbell returned to her home as a schoolteacher.

Mary Jane Meikle, a 1943 WASP graduate said, "For me, becoming a WASP was the thing to do during the war. It was a way to serve our country."

Meikle spent her days ferrying aircraft to stateside locations.

American factories were turning out thousands



Photos courtesy of Iris Taggart

Meredith Campbell, standing above center, poses with other Women Airforce Service Pilots at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas. In training the women wore men's uniforms. Eventually, they got their Santiago Blues, fitted by Neiman Marcus.



A 1943 Air Force magazine depicting a WASP pilot.

WASP

Women Air Force Service Pilots



making aviation history



U.S. Air Force photo by Emily C. Firman

From left: Dorothy Webb, Mary Jane Meikle, Carolyn "Betty" Shunn and Meredith Campbell pose by a T-6 "Texan" trainer at the McClellan Aviation Museum last week. The T-6 was similar to the planes the Women Air Force Service Pilots flew in the 1940s.

of planes every month, and finding pilots who could fly a variety of aircraft turned out to be quite a challenge. The WASPs, however, were more than up to the challenge. They managed to fly more than 60 million miles in 78 types of military aircraft including trainers, utility aircraft, fighters, transports, cargo ships and bombers.

"The girls who ferried had to be able to fly just about anything," said Meikle, who flew PT-19s.

But it wasn't all glamour and glitz. They also flew bullet-riddled aircraft to repair depots. They towed target sleeves behind their aircraft so ground troops could practice firing live ammunition at a moving target.

"My classmate died in an accident when she was towing a target sleeve behind her aircraft," explained Meikle. "They later found bullets inside the fuselage of her aircraft."

The girls also flew missions for aerial gunnery practice, tracking and searchlight missions; chemical and smoke laying; radio controlled flying; basic and instrument instruction; engineering testing; administrative and utility flying.

Though the bravery of the WASP was mighty and the commitment unflappable, the WASPs still

had to struggle with jealousy from male counterparts and political pressure from above.

In 1944, when the male pilots began returning home, officials decided there was no longer a need for the WASPs and they were disbanded.

"It was a truly heart-breaking time for us," Campbell recalls. "One of the girls went on to become an airline pilot. After a while, the airlines decided they didn't want female pilots. They later found her dead in a New York hotel room," Meredith woefully recalled.

The WASPs were never considered members of the military though they were put through the same rigorous training as the men and flew the same aircraft and many of the same missions.

It wasn't until 1977 they received the benefits of military status. On Nov. 3, President Jimmy Carter signed into legislation a bill that provided military status for the WASPs.

Once disbanded, WASP records were marked 'classified', sealed and stored in government archives for more than 30 years. The remaining WASPs continue to work to tell their story so their contributions to the war effort will be recognized and recorded for future generations.

Hill lends hand for smooth moves

Staff Sgt. Alan S. Williams
SM-ALC Public Affairs

To minimize the aggravations associated with relocating, Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill Air Force Base, Utah in cooperation with Center Director, Jim Barone have developed a seminar here to lessen the effects of the “little-things” that could otherwise drive you crazy.

This Smooth Move seminar, derived from the military version normally hosted by community support centers, is a proactive approach to orienting new people to Hill.

The seminar includes a mission video, an organizational structure briefing, orientation to the Hill website, briefings from the Hill personnel office, pass and registration, the finance office, housing office and the legal office, with a question and answer period plus individual sessions.

The Ogden Workload Transition Manager, Betty Maddox, coordinates these one-day seminars with Ogden personnel who travel here to help people who are relocating.

“Generally, most people want to know about registering their vehicles, the local taxes, getting their drivers license, banking options, forwarding their mail and the locality pay,” said Maddox.

When registering your car you’ll need proof of insurance and the current registration but don’t plan on one-stop shopping for your driver’s license. The same office doesn’t issue licenses and registrations as it is done in California. You can register your car with the county but you will have to go downtown to get your driver’s license. Also, be prepared to take a written test to get a Utah license issued, but don’t worry - it’s open-book.

Although sales taxes in the counties closest to Hill are a mere 6.25 percent when compared to California’s 7.75 percent, there are a few things there that differ from California law. Some new residents may notice a difference when grocery shopping, Utah has a sales tax on food.

In order to open an account with a credit union there, you must have a Utah address. Therefore, having a post office box prior to arriving is good.

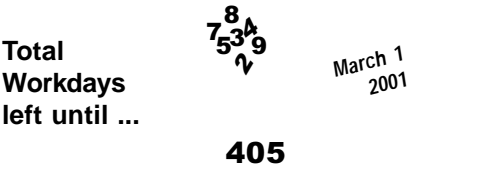
All personnel who are relocating to Hill will be scheduled for the seminar by name based on individual estimated departure dates and will receive an invitation. The next four sessions are scheduled for July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 14 and Oct. 13. The seminar is held in Bldg. 8 Room 102 and runs from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

For more information call Betty Maddox at 643-1877.

Guard positions available in Minnesota

The Minnesota Air National Guard has immediate openings for people wanting to use Palace Chase and Palace Front programs. The 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minn. is accepting applications for part-time positions from members who are planning to live within a 150-mile radius of Duluth. There are additional educational benefits to use with an active duty GI Bill. For more information call a Duluth recruiter at 800-831-7027 or contact the Military Personnel Flight customer service office.

Closure Corner



Facilities vacate process information:
WalkThru expectations brief
First Tuesday of each month, 2:30 p.m.
Bldg. 200, Room 129, FM Conference Room
Project Officer
Jan Miller, CLC, 643-3286, Ext. 234
General Information
WalkThru POCs meet at Bldg. 35 at 9:30 a.m.
Facilities vacate checklist - CL Web Page
Facilities scheduled to vacate:

July 1
250 A, 1031, 349, 255

July 31
1455, 1205, 0790, 0298,
0514, 0558, 0769, 1075

August 1
237, 251

September 30
250 I, 250 J, 786 J

October 30
250 HH

FOCUS Center Jobs

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan FOCUS Centers. For additional information, contact one of the FOCUS Centers: #1, 643-5661 or #3, 643-6808. FOCUS #1 is open until 7 p.m Thursdays.

Position: Environmental Engineer, GS-819-11
Annc#: CAO-99-8 (R)
Close: July 16
Location: Ukiah
Agency: Indian Health Service
POC: Sara Cotterill (916) 566-7001
Remarks: Copies of vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review and contact agency for KSA or additional information.

Position: Instrument Mechanic, WG-3359-10
Annc#: YOSE-99-35
Close: July 9
Location: Yosemite National Park
Agency: National Park Service
POC: Vicki Rose (209) 379-1805
Remarks: Copies of vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review and contact agency for KSA or additional information.

Position: Electroplater, WG-3711-03/06
Annc#: VA-25-99 and RB-23-99
Close: Monday
Location: San Francisco
Agency: U.S. Mint
POC: Valerie Poydras (415) 536-6752
Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement must be requested 21 Jun 99. Review announcement and contact agency for KSA or/and additional information.

Position: Maintenance Worker, WG-4749-08
Annc#: CA-99-059
Close: July 9
Location: Mariposa
Agency: Bureau of Land Management

POC: Phone (916) 978-4460
Remarks: Copies of vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review and contact agency for KSA or additional information.

Position: Electrical Engineer, GS-850-12
Annc#: BOR-MP-99-116
Close: July 16
Location: Folsom
Agency: Bureau of Reclamation
POC: Inga Hall (916) 978-5471
Remarks: Copies of vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review and contact agency for KSA or additional information.

Position: Office Automation Assistant, GS-326-07
Annc#: 99-474-1MW
Close: Monday
Location: Alameda
Agency: Coast Guard
POC: Phone: (800) 525-2878
Remarks: Copies of vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review and contact agency for KSA or additional information.

Non-Federal Jobs

Position: Revenue Services Trainee
Salary: \$1,493 - \$2,316 per month
Close: Friday
Location: Sacramento
Agency: City of Sacramento
POC: Phone (916) 264-5726
Remarks: Copies of vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review and contact agency for KSA or additional information.

Position: Carpenter I
Salary: \$2,967 - \$3,252 per month
Close: Today
Location: Exam in Sacramento
Agency: State of California
POC: Phone: (916) 653-5339
Remarks: Copies of vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review and contact agency for KSA or additional information.

FOCUS Center #3 holds Federal job fair

The FOCUS Center is sponsoring a Federal Job/Career Fair June 30 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Base Community Center, Bldg. 1425. Only federal agencies will be represented. Position vacancies include clerical, technical and professional. Bureau of Reclamation, Forestry Service, Office of Personnel Management, Census Bureau, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Federal Prisons are among those who have confirmed.

The Job Fair is open to all McClellan employees, civilian and military. Attending agencies will accept resumes and some may conduct on-the-spot interviews.

For more information call Gregory Eason at 643-6808 in FOCUS Center #3. Administrative Leave may be used to attend this function.



Movies

Movies start at 7 p.m. in Bldg. 1417.

Pushing Tin - Friday

John Cusak, Billy Bob Thornton - Two New Jersey air traffic controllers' competitiveness goes beyond goodnatured bantering and sends their careers and marriages into a downward spin along with the planes in their air space. Rated R (language and a scene of sexuality)

Black Mask - Saturday

Jet Li, Lau Ching-Wan - Before he was "The Mask," Tsui was part of the 701 Squad, an elite military force of super soldiers who were rendered void of physical or emotional pain. Demoralized, Tsui escaped from mainland China and attempts to live a normal life in Hong Kong. But there is trouble lurking nearby. Rated R (Strong violence, martial arts combat, some sexual content, language)

Youth Center

Today: Open recreation, 2 - 8 p.m.; open gym, 2 - 3 p.m. and 4 - 8 p.m.; open snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3 - 4 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots play group 10-11 a.m. Mini triathlon, 1p.m., ages 9-18, free, members only

Friday: Open recreation, gym, snack bar 2 - 6 p.m.; Pre-teen night, 6:30 - 9 p.m., ages 9-12, free for members and \$2 for non-members

Saturday: Open recreation, snack bar and gym, noon - 5 p.m. A Night Out, 6:30-11 p.m., ages 13-18, members free, \$2.00 for non-members

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Open recreation and gym, 2 - 8 p.m. Open snack bar 2 - 6p.m.

Tuesday: Open recreation, 2 -7 p.m.; open gym, 4:15 - 7 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; beginning gymnastics 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday: Open recreation, gym 2 - 8 p.m., snack bar 2- 6 p.m. Couples Communication Class, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. To sign up, call Family Advocacy at 643-1518.

Golf tourney

The 7th Annual McClellan Aviation Museum Foundation benefit golf tournament is June 25, at Lawrence Links Golf course.

The tournament is a double shotgun with a morning shotgun flight starting at 7:30 a.m. and an afternoon shotgun flight starting at 12:30 p.m. The tournament will run as a four-person scramble.

Fees are as follows: E1-E4, \$24; Prefix 6 members, \$26; Prefix 0 or 7 or 8 members, \$30; E5-E9, \$36; DoD civilian/spouse, \$43; all other players, \$47. Golf carts are \$18 and must be paid in advance.

Call Allen Taylor at (916) 643-5209 for more information or for tournament registration forms.



Photo courtesy of Sarah Nazari

Ken Peterson, 77th Civil Engineering Squadron, plays against the Roseville Team.

Air Force United takes on California teams

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The first-ever Northern California Air Force all-star team with players from Beale, Travis and McClellan Air Force Bases competed June 5 in Sacramento's annual Gold Cup soccer tournament.

Eleven players from McClellan, two from Beale and six from Travis, comprising the Air Force United team, competed in the weekend-long tourney against teams from all over California. According to coach and McClellan team member, Soleiman Rahel, the team did very well.

"We hadn't played together before the tournament, but we performed well," said Rahel. "We didn't have much opportunity to practice as a group but the players from Travis, Beale and McClellan worked together well and we came out strong. I especially appreciated the help I got from Ken Peterson who served as my assistant coach. His efforts re-

ally made this possible."

The 14 teams, some from as far away as Las Vegas, were divided into two levels - Gold and Silver - based on the outcome of several preliminary games.

"After our first three games Saturday we qualified to play in the Silver cup," said Rahel. "We won our first two games on Sunday which advanced us to the championship game."

Plagued by injuries, only 12 players of an original 19 member team were left standing going into the final game. Despite their diminished strength, the team went on to place second in the Silver Cup.

Beyond good teamwork and skill, Rahel credits Nikki Gross for helping the team achieve its success. Gross works with the 77th Medical Group as the Chief of Physical Therapy element.

"Nikki volunteered to come out and help us wrap injuries and help provide other first aid for the players," Rahel commented. "It turned out we needed her help

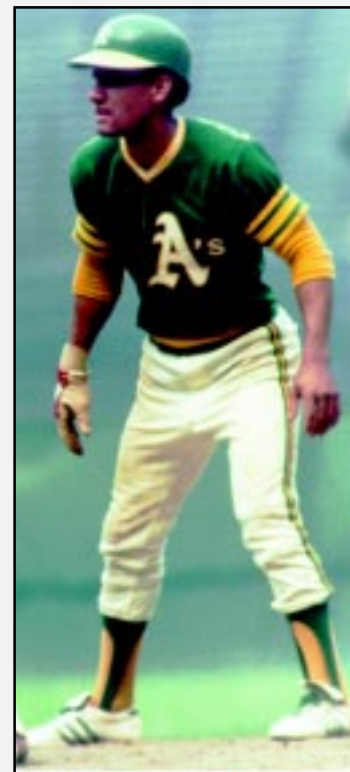
quite a bit and she made a big difference for the team."

This will not be the last time the Air Force United competes in area tournaments. The response from the team members was so positive Rahel plans to enter the team in other upcoming area competitions.

For those interested in competing on base, intramural soccer is also in progress. Also, McClellan's varsity team participates in local recreation league games at the Cherry Island Soccer complex and attends Armed Forces tournaments in Northern and Southern California. For more information contact the Talbott Center at 643-2596. For more information about the Air Force United team, contact Capt. Soleiman Rahel at 643-2203.

Take note of this ... 50-75 percent off ticket price

The Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform a "USO South Pacific style" dance concert July 10 from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Coast Guard hangar. Tickets are \$8 for E-6 and below and \$16 for E-7 and above. Purchase tickets by calling the Howe Ave. Box Office at 920-1121. Proceeds will benefit the McClellan Aviation Museum Foundation. For more information call 643-3192.



Baseball All-Star at Commissary

Bert Campaneris, six-time American League All-Star and three-time World Champion team member, will sign free autographs at the McClellan Commissary. The autograph session will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

Campaneris, shortstop for teams such as Oakland Athletics, Kansas City Royals, and the New York Yankees, comes to McClellan as part a commissary promotion.

SFS welcomes new commander

Emily Firman
Staff Writer

Major John P. Brooker assumed command of the 77th Security Forces Squadron Friday at the base flagpole. He takes over command from Lt. Col. Joseph Wegner.

Brooker's experiences and assignments have spanned the globe. His career began with the 91st Security Police Group, Minot Air Force Base, N.D., where he served as Flight Security Officer, Officer in Charge Tactical Escorts Flight, Convoy Commander and Operations Officer. He continued his Air Force security pursuits as the Air Base Defense Sector Commander, Flight

Leader, Assistant Operations Officer, and Squadron Section Commander at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea; flight commander and then Operations Officer for the 351st Security Support Squadron at 351st Security Police Group, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.; Operations Officer for the 99th Security Police Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.; Chief, Program Security and Information Technology for the B-2 Program System Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Brooker graduated from Bowling Green State University, Ohio, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1987 and completed Squadron Officers School in residence in 1993. He is also a

graduate of the Air Base Defense Command Course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Brooker's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He was promoted to Major March 1, 1999.

Lt. Col. Joseph L. Wegner, outgoing commander of the security squadron, leaves McClellan after three years in command. His next assignment is Headquarters Security Forces Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.



U.S. Air Force photo by Emily C. Firman
Major John P. Brooker, commander, 77th Security Forces Squadron, accepts the wing guidon from the 77th Support Group commander, Col. Michael J. Iltis.

Coast Guard gets new leader

Emily C. Firman
Staff Writer

Captain Bill R. Slack assumed command of Coast Guard Air Station Sacramento June 17 from Captain Michael E. Saylor.

Captain Saylor commanded the unit just short of three years. His retirement ceremony coincided with the change of command.

Slack returns to Sacramento after previously being assigned here in 1985. He served as the HU-25 Standardization and Training Officer as well as the Assistant Operations Officer. His other assignments include Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii, where he upgraded to aircraft commander, instructor pilot and flight examiner; Coast Guard Aviation Training Cen-

ter in Mobile, Ala., where he was responsible for instructor standardization and flight manual development; Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point serving as the Administration Department head, senior flight examiner and the Operations Officer. He assumed command of Coast Guard Air Station Los Angeles in 1995 and was most recently assigned as Coast Guard Liaison to USCICPAC in Honolulu, Hawaii.

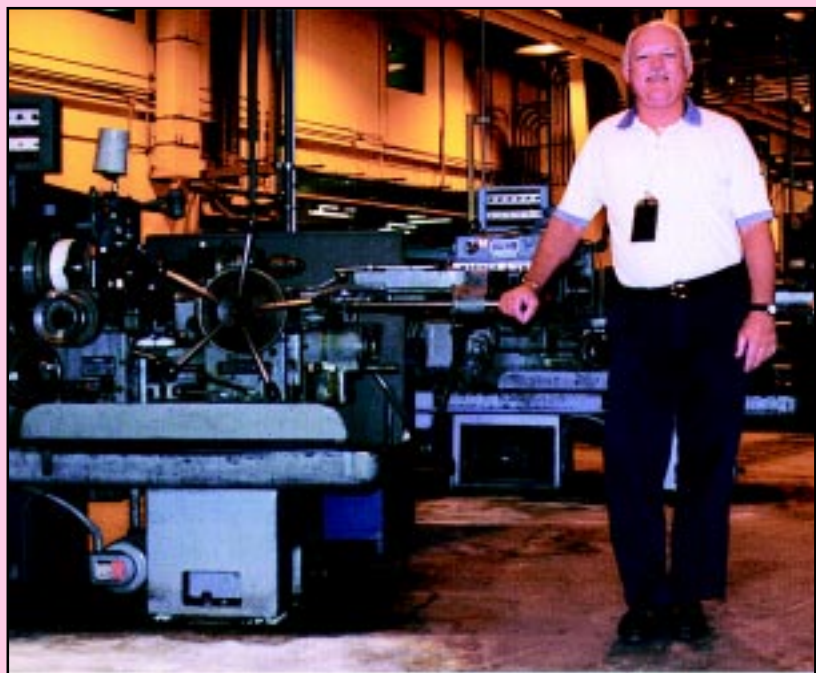
Slack attended the University of Washington and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry in 1968. He attended Air Force Officer Training School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1969. Flight training was at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after which he was assigned to the Alaskan Air Command.



U.S. Air Force photo by Emily C. Firman

Wegner presented with Order of the Bayonet

Lt. Col. Joseph Wegner, former 77th Security Forces Squadron commander was awarded with the Order of the Bayonet at the retiring of the Colors ceremony at the flagpole last Thursday. This presentation is considered the highest honor bestowed to an officer by the security forces squadron. When asked why the unit chose to honor Wegner with the award, the first in McClellan's history, Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Fears, security forces manager, responded, "Bottom line, he's been there for the troops. He definitely thinks troops first."



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Charlie Service, has accomplished the closure process quickly, patiently and persistently. He is the closure coordinator for the LI Manufacturing and Services Division.

Closure hero credits experience, teamwork

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Closing an Air Force Base is a large and difficult process. Coordinating the logistics of closing buildings, dealing with surplus or re-located government property, and simply cleaning empty buildings all require time, patience and perseverance.

Charlie Service has been among the most adept on base at accomplishing the closure process quickly, patiently and persistently. Closure Coordinator for the LI Manufacturing and Services Division, Service has been involved in closing several buildings. "We closed building 652, the former plastic and wood mill. It was one of the first buildings on base to close," said Service. "Now I'm working on building 243, bays A through G. It's going well; we've moved a lot but we have a lot more to go."

Service brings a great deal of experience in closing bases to his work. Before coming to McClellan in 1994 he was involved in the closure of the Mare Island Naval facilities. That experience taught him some valuable lessons. "Follow the procedures. They're clear and you need to continue to follow those and continue to ask questions. You have to keep asking the questions until you get the answers you need. Don't be afraid to go get what you need and don't be afraid to take on the problem."

The bottom line is teamwork. It's important to work closely with all the groups involved in closing a building, whether that's transportation or logistics or whomever. Teamwork and patience are the keys to success," Service concluded.

If you would like to visit with Service about his closure successes, call him at 643- 2195.